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## ***ARIZONA JOINS 30 STATE EFFORT TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE 'Climate Registry' Tracks Greenhouse Gas Emissions in North America***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano has announced that Arizona will join with a total of 30 states as charter members of *The Climate Registry*, a newly-formed organization that will assist in measuring, tracking, and verifying emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs), the gases that cause climate change.

The Registry will also provide the measurement and reporting infrastructure to support voluntary, mandatory, market-based and emissions reduction programs that are consistent across borders and industry sectors. It will begin accepting reporting data in January 2008.

“This is the kind of national cooperation we will need to bring the problem of greenhouse gas emissions under control,” said Governor Napolitano. “When we can effectively measure what we’re putting into the atmosphere, we can much more effectively manage it. It makes sense for states to share resources and synchronize our programs.”

The Governor has made air quality issues in Arizona a priority:

- Signed Western Regional Climate Action Initiative with New Mexico, California, Oregon and Washington, agreeing to work together to achieve GHG reduction goals. British Columbia in Canada has recently joined the WRCAI.
- Beginning in January of this year, all new state fleet vehicles must be hybrids, meet low-GHG emissions standards or use E-85 fuel, biofuels or other low-GHG alternative fuels.
- Last year, signed an executive order adopting a GHG reduction goal of reducing emissions to the year 2000 levels by 2020 (but further charged state with trying to reach goal by 2012).
- Signed another executive order this year outlining specific action the state will take to reduce its contribution to air pollution including mitigation of particulate and ozone emissions from state projects or projects conducted on state lands.

*The Climate Registry* is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by a board of directors made up of state and tribal representatives. Initial funding and in-kind support will be provided by foundations and a number of the participating states.

Corporations, state agencies, municipalities, educational institutions and non-profit groups are all invited to report under the voluntary program. Various states may also have specific sources and facilities required to report under state regulatory programs. In the future, offset reduction projects are also likely to be reported in *The Climate Registry*.

By using the Registry, states will have common measurement standards and reporting systems for greenhouse gas emissions makes it easier for states/tribes/provinces to work together. Pooling money and resources to create common standards lowers the overall costs associated with tracking GHG emissions.

Charter members of the Registry are Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming and the Campo Kumeyaay Nation. Two Canadian provinces, British Columbia and Manitoba, have also committed to participate.

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